

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled the non-elected claims. Applicants have amended claims 11 and 12 to recite "an isolated" host cell. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Objections to the Specification

The specification has been amended to correctly demarcate trademarks and to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101 and §112, first paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 11 and 12 as allegedly lacking utility and allegedly not enabled. Applicants have amended claims 11 and 12 to recite "an isolated host cell" rather than "a host cell". In view of this amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 and §112, first paragraph be withdrawn.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time with the appropriate fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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